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NEWS RELEASE

OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following: On September 8, 2008, at approximately 6:00pm, San Antonio Police Officers Lawrence Robarts, an 8 year veteran, Officer Brandy Roell, a 1 month veteran and Officer Samuel Sedillo, an 8 year veteran, went to 3107 Redstart Dr. to serve an arrest warrant. The warrant stemmed from a family violence case, where the below listed suspect pointed what was described as an AK-47 assault rifle at his ex-wife and fired a shot at her. The suspect fled the location before officers arrived. San Antonio Police Sex Crimes detectives applied for and were granted a warrant for Deadly Conduct on 09-06-08. As the officers made entry into the location to affect the arrest, the suspect fired an assault rifle towards all three officers, striking both Officer Robarts and Roell. Assistance was sent to the scene and when responding officers arrived they were able to return fire on the suspect, who continued to fire at responding officers. Gunfire struck Officer Robarts in his lower leg and upper arm. Officer Roell was struck in the back. Officers were able to extract the wounded officers and secure the perimeter until SWAT members arrived.

Hours of negotiations with the suspect were unsuccessful and after a forced entry, the suspect was found dead from what appears to be a self inflicted gunshot wound.

The suspect has been identified as Andres Vargas L/M 07-22-65.

The San Antonio Police Department's shooting Team is handling the investigation and will submit their findings to Police Chief William McManus and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office.

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